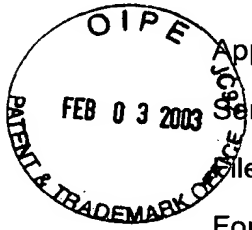


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): AOTA, et al.
Serial No.: 09/828,837
Filed: April 10, 2001
For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN FRICTION STIR WELDING
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Sir:

Filed concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal, and supplementing, as the Submission for the RCE, the Amendment
After Final Rejection filed December 2, 2002, please further amend the above-
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims to the application:

--21. An extruded frame member according to claim 15, wherein said thickened part has a width that is substantially equal to a width of said extruded part.

22. An extruded frame member according to claim 14, wherein said thickened part has a width that is substantially equal to a width of said extruded part.

23. An extruded frame member according to claim 14, wherein a side